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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 8, 2000 (Paper No. 2) in the above-identified Application. A separate request for a three-month extension of time in which to reply, and the requisite extension fee based on small entity status, are filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.